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is no proposal to form a consortium of scientific institutions at regional or local level by involving local bodies for the purpose.

Allocation for Road Links Announced

1300. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what allocation has made for the project to connect all villages with population of over 1000, with roads announced on the P.M.'s Birthday for the current year and the rest of the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of such villages not linked with roads at present, State-wise; and

(c) the State-wise targets under the rural road links plan for Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam and other States?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) A Central Allocation of Rs.2500 crore has been made for the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Budget for the year 2000-2001 and another sum of Rs. 2500 crore has been allocated in the Budget for the year 2001- 2002 for the Programme.

(b) A statement indicating State-wise number of villages not linked with roads is given (see next page).

(c) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana envisages connecting all Habitations with a population of more than 1000 persons through good, All-weather roads by the year 2003 and those with a population of more than 500 persons by the year 2007 depending on availability of funds.

Monitoring Committees for Rural Development works

† 1301. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has directed all State Governments to constitute monitoring committees to monitor the works of rural development from Block level to State level;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that many State Governments including Uttar Pradesh are not following the said directions;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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